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JAPAN.

Plague in Osaka and other localities.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *May 25, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that since my report of May 13 cases of plague have occurred in Osaka as follows: May 14, 1; May 16, 1; May 17, 2; May 21, 1; May 22, 1.

In Shidzuoka, where the first case was reported on the 7th instant, 3 more instances of the disease have been detected, on May 14, 16, and 17, respectively.

On the 17th instant a case of plague was found upon the Japanese steamship *Taichu Maru* upon her arrival at Nagasaki from Formosa, and the ship was accordingly quarantined.

This makes a total of 30 cases since the reappearance of the disease in Japan April 8, viz, at Osaka, 25; in Shidzuoka, 4; Nagasaki, 1; all of which have been fatal.

Cases suspected to be of pest have also been reported as follows: At Hamamatsu, a town on the trunk line of railway between Shidzuoka and Osaka, on May 17, 1; at Yokohama, May 20, 1; in Chiba Ken, on the eastern side of the Gulf of Yedo, nearly opposite Yokohama, on May 22, 1; and at Kioto, which is near Osaka, on May 23, 1. All of these cases, however, with the exception perhaps of that at Hamamatsu, which is still *sub judice*, appear to have been mistakenly diagnosed as plague.

It is evident that there was some truth in the charges which were made against the authorities of Osaka, and of which I wrote to you, to the effect that they had concealed the fact of the reappearance of plague in that city, for, in the Official Gazette of May 14, the governor of Osaka Fu is publicly reprimanded for having failed to report it to the home department.

Respectfully, STUART ELDRIDGE,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Quarantine regulations in Japan.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *May 10, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith a copy of a circular issued this day by the sanitary inspector of the Marine-Hospital Service at this port, extending the requirements as to quarantine and disinfection of emigrants from plague-infected districts.

Respectfully, JOHN MCLEAN,
Vice Consul-General.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure with dispatch No. 201—Yokohama.]

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *May 10, 1900.*

Plague having appeared at Shidzuoka the provisions of circular from this office of date April 15, as regards the anteembarkation quarantine and disinfection of all steerage passengers from, or having passed through, infected districts, are extended to such passengers from the ken of Shidzuoka, or coming by rail from any point south of the same, or who from any direction have passed through said ken on their way to Yokohama.

STUART ELDRIDGE,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

Approved:
JOHN MCLEAN,
Vice Consul-General of the United States, In Charge.